

PATENT Ser. N . 09/574,955

## REMARKS

The Examiner's continued attention to the present application is noted with appreciation, as is her allowance of claims 16-19 and 27-32. Claims 1-15 and 33-42 have been canceled.

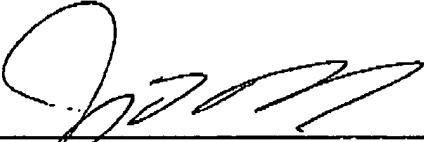
The Examiner objected to allowable claims 22 and 23 as being dependent upon rejected base claim 20. Claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 22, and claim 22 has been canceled; claim 23, which previously depended on claim 22, has been amended accordingly. Claim 32 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

The application is now in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested before the statutory deadline of August 11, 2004.

Also being filed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time to June 14, 2004, the first business day following June 11, 2004. Authorization is given to charge payment of the appropriate fee, any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Acct. 13-4213.

Respectfully submitted,

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